

GRACE NOTES

NOVEMBER 2019

UPCOMING EVENTS:



- November 3** — 9:00 A.M. Holy Eucharist & Indoor Clean-up Day with lunch.
- November 8-9** — Diocesan Convention
- November 10** — Senior Harvest Dinner
- November 17** — Grace Sunday
- November 24** — Cookie Decorating
- November 27** — Thanksgiving Eve 7:00 P.M. Holy Eucharist
- December 7** — Annual Cookie Walk

FOR ALL THE SAINTS

We will celebrate the Feast of All Saints at a single service on November 3. Please write the names of those deceased persons you wish to have remembered on a purple sheet in the Welcome Area or send via email to the parish office by THURSDAY October 31.

INDOOR PARISH CLEAN-UP NOVEMBER 3

Following the 9:00 A.M. service we will have an indoor parish clean-up, followed by lunch. Please sign up in the Welcome Area if you are planning to attend so that Parish Life can plan for the luncheon.



PLEASE WELCOME NEW PARISH ADMINISTRATOR



JONATHAN HOWELL !

Jonathan is an opera singer, a private voice teacher, and for several years was the office coordinator and on-site sexton at St. Paul's Syracuse.

Welcome Jonathan!

NEW OFFICE HOURS

Monday and Thursday: 12 noon—4:00 P.M.

Tuesday and Wednesday: 12 noon—5:00 P.M.



"You are the light of the world!
You are the light of the world!
But if that light is under a bushel,
It's lost something kind of crucial
You've got to stay bright to be the light of the world."
— Godspell

Dear friends of Grace,

These words, adapted from Matthew 5:14, remind us in a fun way that, although our light may be shining, "something kind of crucial" is lost if we don't bring the light we have out into the world, for all to see, for the glory of our generous God and the building of the kingdom.

This past year, I have seen that light demonstrated joyfully in our own parish: in our worship, learning programs, care for our facilities, and in our service to the wider community.

I am overjoyed at the generosity of the people of Grace, because when we bring our light out into the world, we express our gratitude, confidence and willingness to take risks as agents of Jesus remaking the world. In making our light visible, we keep our salt flavorful, as Jesus puts it in these words from Eugene Peterson's *The Message*:

"Let me tell you why you are here. You're here to be salt-seasoning that brings out the God-flavors of this earth. If you lose your saltiness, how will people taste godliness? Here's another way to put it: You're here to be light, bringing out the God-colors in the world. God is not a secret to be kept. We're going public with this, as public as a city on a hill."

Indeed, our work, our prayers and our giving are all about making God's flavors, colors, and love visible and available to all in our lives. And they are about our willingness to accept the challenge to stretch and grow, into our individual purpose, and into the mission of our church.

I ask all of you to reflect on the gifts you have received, and to consider how God is calling you to risk "flavoring" the world with your time, talents and treasure. I pray that we will join together to give abundantly to bring light into our lives and the world around us.

Faithfully,

The Rev. Catherine Carpenter

THE 14TH ANNUAL COOKIE WALK -

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7TH

Getting closer....

This is one of our biggest fundraisers for the parish, and we need LOTS and LOTS of cookies and volunteers to make it successful!

We ask that each parish family bake at least 6 dozen of their favorite festive holiday goodies.

For those who can, please bake more!



Cookies (and breads from “October is Bread Baking Month”) can be dropped off on: Thursday, December 5, from 6:00 P.M. till 8:00 P.M., & Friday, December 6, 9:00 A.M. till 6:00 P.M. Be sure to add your name and cookie-type to the drop-off sheet located in the kitchen.

Not a baker? Please consider a financial donation to purchase supplies, or the wonderful gift of time to help with preparations.

Sign-up sheets for the Thursday Night Set-Up, and for the big Cookie Walk Day, will be in the Welcome Area. Many hands make lighter work! Please become part of our festive, “fun-raising” event!

A couple of additional opportunities to help:

DECORATE THE COOKIES DAY - SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24, STARTING AT 9:00 A.M.

We will be decorating cut-out sugar cookies. Come when you can and stay as long as you wish! Bring pre-baked cut-outs in the following shapes (as we will have stations set up to decorate these shapes): Christmas trees, stars, snowflakes, snowmen, mittens, ornaments, or stockings. Please note that other shapes are welcome for the Cookie Walk if decorated at home by the baker. We are just limiting the shapes for the decorating event.

Don't worry if you think you don't know what to do - we will teach you! There will be easy “assembly line” tasks like putting on sprinkles! And if you are unable to bring cookies, we can still use your help.



If you can't be with us to decorate and assemble, we will gladly accept your baked cookies and make them look awesome! Donations of sprinkles and embellishments would also be welcome.

Jeannie LaMere is coordinating this activity.

MEN'S BAKING NIGHT – TUESDAY, DECEMBER 3, STARTING AT 6:00 P.M.

What goodies will the men conjure up this year? Join them for a night of camaraderie! Casey Hamilton will be leading this crew.

For more information on the Cookie Walk please contact Roxanne Parmele - roxparmele@twcny.rr.com

OCTOBER VESTRY MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

- Reviewed Financials and 1st Draft of the 2020 Budget.
- Received an update on the Stewardship Campaign and Grace Sunday (November 17, 2019).
- Properties Update: Driveway patched and 2019/2020 Plow agreement executed.
New shed roof to be completed within the next month.
- Village sidewalk requirement discussed as well as possible funding options.
- Vestry nominating committee advised that 1 Warden and 2 Vestry Members are needed to fill positions in January.
- Mo. Cathy advised that a new Parish Administrator has been hired with a start date of October 28, 2019.



NINE FIFTEEN/TUESDAY FORUM

The Challenge of Jesus video series with Jesus scholar John Dominic Crossan.

View and discuss Dr. Crossan's exploration of the matrix of Jesus' unique time and place. Learn about the multi-faceted connections between Greece, Rome, and the Jews that shape our understanding of Jesus today. Begins September 29/October 1.— Sundays at 9:15 A.M., Tuesdays at 1:00 P.M. in the Conference Room on the lower level.



PRAYER MAILBOX

Prayer requests that have been put in our new prayer mailbox will be read during the Prayers of the People. Please keep our neighbors' needs in your prayers.

THANKSGIVING BASKETS

The Outreach Committee is asking for your help in putting together eight baskets filled with all the makings of a Thanksgiving Feast for eight needy families. Below is a list of items we would like to include in each family's basket. Starting October 27th there will be sign-up sheets in the Welcoming Area. Just print your name and phone # next to the item or items you would like to donate, and bring the item to the Welcome Area by November 17th. For frozen or perishable foods, you can take them to the refrigerator or freezer downstairs. Gift cards can be placed in the Sunday collection plates, given to any member of Outreach, or delivered to the office during office hours. When you bring in your item, please mark the item completed ✓ on the sign-up sheet. Thanks for your generosity!

- 20 lb. turkey
- 3 cans corn
- 3 pkgs. rolls
- Bag of Stuffing
- 1 can cranberry sauce
- Bag of potatoes
- 2 jars turkey gravy
- Bag of apples
- 1 can olives; 1 jar pickles, and/ or other relishes.
- Family size frozen pumpkin or other pie
- \$10.00 gift cards to a local supermarket.



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Subscribe to Grace's email news! Scroll down to the bottom of the main page of the website and click on the "sketch" of the church. Enter your contact info and click [Subscribe](#)

Unsubscribing is easy, just click the notice at the bottom of any email we've sent you.

Contact the parish office with any questions.

VESTRY MEMBER QUALIFICATIONS

ARE YOU CALLED TO LEAD?

The work of the vestry has two faces: leadership and management.

As a vestry member, together with the rector and wardens, you will be expected to manage and lead.



Management includes such tasks as: budgeting, establishing and enforcing policies and procedures, establishing action plans, maintaining property.

Leadership includes such tasks as articulating and communicating the vision for the future of the parish, generating enthusiasm and “buy-in” from the congregation, and as needed, taking personal responsibility for ensuring ad hoc or permanent committees carry out their assigned work.

Vestry members should be able to make the following commitments:

- Vestry meetings (1x per month, plus occasional additional meetings as needed);
- Committee work (usu. 1x per month);
- Vestry retreat (annual);
- Regular attendance at worship services (rotating services occasionally);
- Congregational events: coffee hours, meals, fundraisers, adult education programs, etc.;
- Diocesan meetings, as necessary;
- Annual meeting.
- Exercise confidentiality and practice healthy, honest, open communication patterns in the parish.

Qualifications

- Eighteen years of age or older;
- Baptized; (wardens must be confirmed)
- Active member of the parish who is regular in worship attendance and contribution of time and talent and treasure.

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS NEEDED



Make and serve coffee, a cold drink and treats after the 8:00 A.M. & 10:30 A.M. Holy Eucharist services. Signup in the Welcome Area at the church entrance. Can't do it alone? Ask a friend to help or call the parish office.

FLOWER CALENDAR OPENINGS

Donate to the flower fund for Sunday decorations in remembrance or in thanksgiving! Remembrances and thanksgivings are acknowledged in This Week at Grace and the Prayers of the People. Flowers will be available to take home after the 10:30 A.M. service. (Note: in Advent, decorations are evergreens, and in Lent no flowers are used.)

Sponsoring flowers is \$40 per Sunday and two families can sign up for each week.

Flowers are particularly needed for November 10, 17, December 6, 13, 20.

Send an email to Flowers@GraceEpiscopalBaldwinsville.org or call the office to sign up.



THANKSGIVING EVE 7:00 P.M. HOLY EUCHARIST

“Come, ye thankful people, come.”

Join us for Holy Eucharist as we give thanks to God for the bountiful resources we share and for those who cultivate and care for the earth and its treasure.



Almighty and gracious Father, we give thanks for the fruits of the earth in their season and for the labors of those who harvest them. Make us, we beseech thee, faithful stewards of thy great bounty, for the provision of our necessities and the relief of all who are in need, to the glory of thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. AMEN.

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HOLY EUCHARIST

Sundays - 8:00 A.M. & 10:30 A.M.

Tuesdays - 12:00 Noon

First Saturday Holy Eucharist - 4:00 P.M.



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